

IN THE CLAIMS:

All of the pending claims 5 and 17-20 are set forth below. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (cancelled), (previously presented), or (currently amended). Please AMEND claims 5 and 17-19 in accordance with the following:

1-4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A service unit connectable to a certifying unit and at least one terminal unit, said service unit comprising:

a transmitting device transmitting common certificate information in common with a plurality of services respectively provided by different business organizations, when the terminal unit of a user accesses a particular service of the plurality of services, to the certifying unit which manages the common certificate information corresponding to service information of available services that the user can access, without requiring identification information or password information issued by the services;

a service utilizing device receiving the service information of the available services from the certifying unit and providing the terminal unit of the user with layout data for displaying a screen including a display region corresponding to the service information of the available services received from the certifying unit, wherein service data respectively supplied by the available services are displayed in the display region; and

a storing device storing the common certificate information and the identification information and the password information for the particular service.

6-16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) A system for certifying services, comprising:

a service utilizing device receiving service information of available services and providing layout data for displaying a screen including a display region corresponding to service information of each of the available services based on a common certificate information, wherein service data respectively supplied by the available services are displayed in the display region; and

a user terminal receiving the layout data and displaying service information of each of the available services within a display region provided for use in relation to a particular available service.

18. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium having a program recorded therein to cause a computer to execute operations, said operations comprising:

transmitting service information of available services, and in response, providing layout data for displaying a screen including a display region corresponding to service information of each of the available services based on a common certificate information, wherein service data respectively supplied by the available services are displayed in the display region; and

receiving the layout data and displaying service information of each of the available services within a display region provided for use in relation to a particular available service.

19. (currently amended) A method of certifying services offered by multiple providers, comprising:

determining whether any one of the services of the multiple providers are available to a user by sending an inquiry including a common certificate to a certifying authority; and

providing layout data defining display of service information of a first available service to a terminal of the user based on a result of the inquiry,

~~where~~ wherein the layout data is displayed in a single display region and includes service information of a second available service determined to be available based on the result of the inquiry, and

wherein service data respectively supplied by the available services are displayed in the display region.

20. (previously presented) A method of certifying services, comprising:

enabling access to a first service server;

generating layout information required for displaying information of a second service server in a display region displaying service information of the first service server; and

displaying the generated layout information via a user terminal.